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## **Saint Louis County Executive**

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### **County Executive Engages St. Louis County Children's Service Fund to Provide Support for Youth, Families Impacted by Mike Brown Incident**

**AUGUST 12, 2014 (CLAYTON, MO)--** St. Louis County Executive Charlie A. Dooley today asked The St. Louis County Children's Service Fund to develop a plan for providing mental health services for children and families impacted by the tragic shooting of Ferguson teen Michael Brown.

The Fund will be providing group crisis support services on **Wednesday, August 13, 2014 and Thursday, August 14, 2014**. Additional sessions may be added based on the needs of the community. No appointment is necessary. The dates and locations are listed below.

August 13, 2014 - Wednesday

- Greater St. Mark Family Church  
9950 Glen Owen Drive  
St. Louis, Missouri 63136  
Rev. Tommie Pierson, Sr. Pastor  
3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

August 14, 2014 - Thursday

- Epworth CGM Building  
7520 Natural Bridge  
St. Louis, Missouri 63121  
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

If immediate mental health assistance is needed, County residents are encouraged to contact the St. Louis County Youth Connection Helpline at **314-628-2929**. The Helpline is manned by mental health professionals and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Julie Leicht, Interim Director of the Fund, said her team has already reached out to neighboring school districts (Ferguson-Florissant, Normandy, Jennings) to increase programming and support already offered in the schools.

In 2008, voters of St. Louis County residents approved a ¼ cent sales tax dedicated to children's mental health and substance abuse services. To learn more about the Children's Service Fund, visit [www.keepingkidsfirst.org](http://www.keepingkidsfirst.org) or call 615-5852.